

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method of forming a fabric comprising:
providing a first nonwoven web containing melt-spun fibers, said
first nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, said first side of
said first nonwoven web defining a first outer surface of said fabric; and
bonding said first nonwoven web by microcreping said first side of
said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions.

2. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said melt-spun fibers
are formed by meltblowing.

3. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said melt-spun fibers
are polyolefin fibers.

4. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said first nonwoven
web contains said melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 20% by
weight of said first nonwoven web.

5. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said first nonwoven
web contains said melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 40% by
weight of said first nonwoven web.

6. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said first nonwoven
web contains said melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 60% by
weight of said first nonwoven web.

7. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said first nonwoven
web further contains a material selected from the group consisting of pulp
fibers, thermomechanical pulp fibers, staple fibers, superabsorbent
materials, and combinations thereof.

8. A method as defined in claim 7, wherein said first nonwoven
web contains pulp fibers in an amount of up to about 30% by weight of
said first nonwoven web.

9. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second side of
said first nonwoven web defines a second outer surface of said fabric.

10. A method as defined in claim 9, further comprising microcreping said second side of said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions.

11. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said fabric contains multiple layers, wherein one of said layers is formed by said first nonwoven web and one of said layers is formed by a second nonwoven web, said second nonwoven web having a first side and a second side.

12. A method as defined in claim 11, wherein said second side of said second nonwoven web defines a second outer surface of said multi-layered fabric.

13. A method as defined in claim 12, further comprising microcreping said second side of said second nonwoven web.

14. A method as defined in claim 11, wherein said second nonwoven web contains melt-spun fibers.

15. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said fabric is provided with an extensibility between about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction.

16. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said fabric is provided with an extensibility between about 5% to about 25% in the lengthwise direction.

17. A method of forming a wiping product comprising:
providing a fabric having a first nonwoven web, said first nonwoven web containing melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 20% by weight of said first nonwoven web, said first nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, said first side of said first nonwoven web defining a first outer surface of said fabric; and

bonding said first nonwoven web by microcreping said first side of said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions to

obtain an extensibility of said fabric between about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction of said fabric.

18. A method as defined in claim 17, wherein said first nonwoven web contains said melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 60% by weight of said first nonwoven web.

19. A method as defined in claim 17, wherein said first nonwoven web further contains a material selected from the group consisting of pulp fibers, thermomechanical pulp fibers, staple fibers, superabsorbent materials, and combinations thereof.

20. A method as defined in claim 17, wherein said fabric contains multiple layers, wherein one of said layers is formed by said first nonwoven web and one of said layers is formed by a second nonwoven web, said second nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, wherein said second side of said second nonwoven web defines a second outer surface of said fabric.

21. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising microcreping said second side of said second nonwoven web.

22. A method of forming a wiping product comprising:

providing a fabric having a first nonwoven web, said first nonwoven web containing melt-spun fibers, said first nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, said first side of said first nonwoven web defining a first outer surface of said fabric; and

bonding said first nonwoven web by a method consisting essentially of microcreping said first side of said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions.

23. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said melt-spun fibers are formed by meltblowing.

24. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said melt-spun fibers are polyolefin fibers.

25. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said first nonwoven web contains said melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 20% by weight of said first nonwoven web.

26. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said first nonwoven web contains said melt-spun fibers in an amount of at least about 40% by weight of said first nonwoven web.

27. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said first nonwoven web further contains a material selected from the group consisting of pulp fibers, thermomechanical pulp fibers, staple fibers, superabsorbent materials, and combinations thereof.

28. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said second side of said first nonwoven web defines a second outer surface of said fabric.

29. A method as defined in claim 28, further comprising microcreping said second side of said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions.

30. A method as defined in claim 22, wherein said fabric contains multiple layers, wherein one of said layers is formed by said first nonwoven web and one of said layers is formed by a second nonwoven web, said second nonwoven web having a first side and a second side.

31. A method as defined in claim 30, wherein said second side of said second nonwoven web defines a second outer surface of said fabric.

32. A method as defined in claim 31, further comprising microcreping said first side of said second nonwoven web.